



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers achieved the first powered flight of a “heavier-than-air” aircraft, and thus opened the door to some of the greatest accomplishments and events ever witnessed over the past century; and

WHEREAS, aviation in Wisconsin began in 1909 when Arthur Warner flew his “box kite” near Beloit, followed by Arch Hoxey’s 1910 flight in West Allis and John Schwister’s first homebuilt airplane, flown near Wausau in 1911; and

WHEREAS, since that date, Wisconsin has become a recognized leader in aviation, in large part through the presence of the worldwide organization headquartered in Oshkosh, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), which hosts the largest aviation event in the world; and

WHEREAS, the EAA, as part of the celebration of centennial of flight, will be hosting a statewide centennial celebration that will be broadcast via BadgerNet to more than 400 school districts and communities throughout Wisconsin and providing special educational programming at the EAA Museum; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has many universities and institutions of learning that have educated some of America’s greatest aviation pioneers, such as Charles Lindbergh, who attended the University of Wisconsin to study engineering; and

WHEREAS, aviation is a vitally important economic engine and transportation source, connecting Wisconsin to global markets while contributing to strong job and fiscal growth within the state and country; and

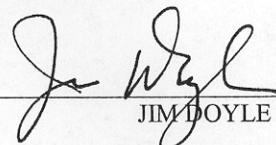
WHEREAS, the future of aviation is dependent upon a well-informed and educated populace, and this celebration of powered flight is a celebration of the ingenuity and creativity of Americans, as well as America’s contributions to air and space flight,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the months of **May through December, 2003** as

CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT CELEBRATION MONTHS

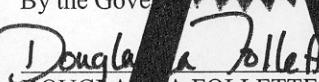
in the State of Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this nineteenth day of May in the year two thousand three.



JIM DOYLE



By the Governor


DOUGLAS A. FOLLETTE
Secretary of State